

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1076-008**

**Delegation of Authority**  
**America COMPETES Prizes**

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to delegate authority within the Department to implement The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, 15 U.S.C. 3719 (America COMPETES Act).

**2. DELEGATIONS**

I hereby delegate the authority vested in the "head of an agency" by the America COMPETES Act, 15 U.S.C. § 3719 (k)(3) to the Chief Financial Officer. I also delegate to the Chief Financial Officer the authority to issue guidance on the use of the below-delegated America COMPETES Act authorities by agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture.

I hereby delegate the authorities vested in the "head of an agency" by the America COMPETES Act, 15 U.S.C. § 3719 (b), (c)(4), (d), (e), (f), (g)(1), (i)(2)-(3), (k)(1), (l), (m)(1), and (m)(3)(B) to each of the Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and General Officers listed in subparagraph a. These authorities may be redelegated as appropriate.

a. The authorities listed above are delegated to:

- (1) Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services
- (2) Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment
- (3) Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs
- (4) Under Secretary for Food Safety Programs
- (5) Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services
- (6) Under Secretary for Rural Development
- (7) Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics
- (8) Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- (9) Assistant Secretary for Administration
- (10) Chief Economist

3. LIMITATIONS

This delegation excludes the authority under 15 U.S.C. 3719 (m)(4)(B). Secretary's approval is required for all prize competitions that may result in the award of more than \$1,000,000 in cash prizes.

4. EXISTING DIRECTIVES

Prior delegations of authority, administrative regulations, and other directives not inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum shall remain in full force and effect.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This delegation is effective immediately and will remain in effect for one year from the effective date or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum.

/s/Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture